

Greetings from Sigal and Hadas ...

Dear Friends of Israel,

The second anniversary of the Hamas massacre is approaching, and the already ever-present memories are returning with new force, especially for those who lost their loved ones back then. A few days ago, the new Hebrew year was celebrated. A veil of pain still lies over everything, through which hope struggles to break through. Hope for peace, hope for a return home, hope that the survivors will experience much blessing.

Especially in these days, every gesture of love for the wounded souls is particularly valuable. That is why, at the beginning of October, we once again contributed with contributions, encouraging messages, and practical help to support these people, who are so close to our hearts, in rebuilding their lives.

Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed!

We would like to share with you some of the messages we have

A PRAYER FOR OUR CAPTIVES AND HOSTAGES

May it be Your will, Lord our G-d and G-d of our forefathers, that You send Your light and truth to the Prime Minister, Ministers, and Advisors of the Government of the State of Israel, and guide them with good counsel.

Enlighten their eyes to accept responsible proposals placed before them in order to bring about the release of our loved ones that are hostages. Father, our King, help us to bring our captives from darkness to light, so that we all may be crowned with the crown of victory and life, and let us say, Amen.

By Tzvi Zussman, Father of Ben Zussman HY"D



received from our friends.

Smadar and Shlomo, who are taking care of the children of the murdered couple Maya and Avner (Smadar's brother), wrote:

"We are fully occupied with preparing our home for the

holidays. The children will all come to us, except for Dekel, who will stay with her unit. We are trying to bring some joy into the great sadness caused by the loss of Maya and Avner. It is so hard for us to

celebrate without them. We pray for the return of the abducted and the safety of the soldiers. We hope for a better year. Thank you very much for your generous donation. The bond with you means a lot to us."

Sigal did not want to spend these days in Israel. She and her four children are still evacuated in Kiryat Gat. She writes:
"Many heartfelt thanks for your continuous support. You are helping me create a future for my children, and I value that very much. This time of year, with all the holidays, is difficult and complicated. I decided to go with friends and the children to Greece, so that the absence of Dolev during the holidays will not be felt so strongly. This is family time, and in such moments the longing and the pain are especially strong. That is why this year I prefer to spend time with friends rather than observe the holidays."



Sigal



Yotam, Dor, Raz and Ron



Hadas with Asaf and Neta

Hadas is also struggling through these days. After two years, she is still waiting for the return of her husband Tamir's body from the Gaza Strip. A situation for which words are no longer adequate... *"I tried not to feel the holiday at all. It is so hard and I am looking forward to November. To be after the holidays and 7.10"*

And [Shlomi](#), the CEO of the Organization for Widows and Orphans ([IDFWO](#)), responded:

"Thank you for this truly wonderful and heartwarming large donation that you and your friends have sent for our widows and orphans. We welcome the new year with heavy hearts, yet with unshakable hope. The past year has tested us in ways we could never have imagined. The massacre and the subsequent war took sons, daughters, husbands, wives, and parents from us. Families were forever changed.



And yet, in the midst of the pain, something remarkable shines: the strength and resilience of our widows and orphans, who remind us every day what courage looks like. We not only pray for peace and restoration – we work together toward it. Every program, every meeting, every moment of support we provide ensures that no widow and no orphan is ever alone. Together, we are creating a future in which remembrance and hope exist side by side.

We wish you all health, unity, strength, and renewal. May 5786 be a year in which our people experience better days and our shared hope becomes reality."

We gladly pass on these words to you. We wish you a meaningful Yom Kippur and afterwards a blessed Feast of Tabernacles.

Thank you for helping together with us – and for continuing to do so in the future.

Yours, Brigitte Chaya and Harald

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